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Dockets Management Branch (HFA)-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, Maryland 20852

RE: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food."

Dear Sirs:

I am appalled that your agency, which I support with my taxes to protect me, is taking my inherent right to know the truth.

Therefore, as a citizen of this great country, I demand that the FDA does not change the wording of the current disclosure on irradiation, nor the radura symbol.

The terms "Cold pasteurization" and "Electronic pasteurization" are deceitful and I doubt that Louis Pasteur would have given his approval. Why not say, "Radioactive pasteurization"?

We, as trusting and intelligent consumers, have the right to know whether our food have been irradiated or not.

I feel like I am living in a dictatorship regime rather then the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Sincerely,

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